

Younkin Family News Bulletin

A Tribute to Our Family



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Donna Younkin Logan, publisher

Dear Cousins,

As this summer's nationwide Junghen family reunion fast approaches, I anxiously look forward to seeing many familiar faces and lots of new ones as well!

As all of you will know by now, the reunion committee decided to change the format of the reunion somewhat. This year it will be "a covered dish" in the tradition of that special reunion that was held 60 years ago this summer. Those of you who will be coming a great distance will not be expected to bring a green bean casserole. You'll have plenty of opportunities to contribute to the fare of the day. To keep costs down, unlike past years, this reunion flyer was only sent to our cousins who subscribe to the newsletter or have attended (and signed the guest book) at a past reunion. This still required sending almost 500 invitations (last year we sent out almost 800). We are hoping you will pass the information on to your cousins; or send us their names and addresses and I'll be happy to pop one in the mail to them.

We can learn much about our early Junghen families in many different ways — but I have found that research on other families they were *associated with* is one of the most beneficial! As you read through this issue, you will note that there is indeed a rather lengthy article on the HAUPT family. You might ask yourself — why is she doing a story on the HAUPTs? Let me answer the question before you ask...

The Haupt (also known as Houpt) family were immigrants from Germany and came over about the same time as our Junghen family. Call it "Psychic Roots" but I believe that the Haupt and Junghen families *knew* each other *before* immigrating to America. See if you don't agree with me after you've read the story. But there is even a more substantial reason to investigate the Haupts — they married our Younkins!



Nora Revoir & Karst Younkin 'tie the knot' in Walkersville; and why not? After 111 years of married life, they missed it!

(Story on Page 18, photo by Marg Mills, courtesy of the Glade Times & Mountain Mirror)

Can You Help!

I am currently working on articles for our newsletter on the:

Pringey—Younkin marriages

Hartzell — Younkin marriages

If these are your families or you can assist with information about these people, please forward any family history, anecdotes, photographs, etc., for publication. Thank you for your help with this! — DYL

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Please Note:

In our last issue (vol. 5 #1, page 2) I noted the new information on the burial of Sarah Younkin, wife of Abraham Younkin. Directly below this was also the burial record for a "Mary A. Younkin died 22 Dec 1859 aged 21 years, 5 months and 6 days." This Mary, actually Mary Ann (Hall) Younkin, was the first wife of Dr. Jerome W. Younkin (Abraham¹, Abraham², Herman¹). My thanks to Della and Melvin Schafer, Haysville, Ks, for their help with this!

Wife of Henry Clay Younkin mourned again 84 years later!

The following obituary appeared 3 Feb 1994 in the Youkum Herald-Times [TX] as part of a series of old articles the newspaper has been running:

Deaths

1/6/1910 — Mrs. Elizabeth (Shafer) Younkin of Hallettsville passed away recently. Mrs. Younkin, at the time of her death, had reached the ripe old age of 82 years. She was preceded to the grave but a few months by her husband [Henry Clay Younkin], and grief at the loss of her helpmate, coupled with the weight of her four score years, hastened the end of a long life full of usefulness and Christian kindness. Deceased was the mother of Drs. Si and John Younkin, both of this city, and besides these and a number of grand children, she leaves a host of friends and acquaintances who will sincerely mourn her death.

[Henry Clay⁴, Abraham³, Abraham², Herman¹ — Submitted by Melvin & Della Schafer, Haysville, KS]

Queries — Can You Help?

Ellen Younkin(s), born about 1820, married #1 Andrew BLAIR and she married #2 Mr. NEDLEY. She resided in Fairchance, Greene co, PA. Is she a possible daughter of George and Nancy (Johnston) Younkin? — *Please write: Mrs. Martha Dorsey, RD 1, Box 255-C, Masontown, PA 15461 (see New Member's, Page 17, for Martha's lineage.)*

Charles H. NEWBY age 31 of Mason co, WV married Sarah E. YOUNKIN age 23 of Tyler co, WV on 20 Dec 1900 by W. Miller [Marshall County Marriages Bk H pg 90] — does anyone know who Sarah Younkin Newby is? — *Please write: Ginny Toney, 14306 Chadborne, Houston, TX 77079*

In the history of the Younkin reunion letter written by Otto Younkin and passed out at last year's reunion. Otto stated "before going to the Delilah Younkin Cemetery we went to the old Hartzell burial grounds, where we met Badger Clevenger." — Does anyone know where this Hartzell Burial ground is located? — *Please write: Martha Jane Martin, RR1, Box 438, Farmington, WV 26571.*

Iowa

Wapello County, Iowa — 1899 extracts from Eddyville Tribune:
YONKIN, Mrs. M. — death — Jan. 20 — pg. 8. col. 1

Ellis Island New York

The following is from a letter I received from a friend of mine, Robert J. "Bob" Libby, of Iowa City, Iowa, who recently toured Ellis Island:

"There is an aura about that place that makes you feel the presence of those brave immigrants. I could sense the fear that they must have felt and their anxiety and wonder inherent in their new life. It is a wonderful place. On the Island, also, is a wall in the nature of the Viet Nam Wall which lists the thousands of immigrants who passed there. There was only one name that would be of interest to you — THE CHARLES YOUNKIN FAMILY. The facility didn't go into operation until 1895 so this family would have arrived in that year or later. Only the names are listed. sincerely, Bob"

Now my question is, does anyone know how we would go about finding information on this Charles Younkin family from the Ellis Island records? — Donna Younkin Logan

Illinois

Adams County, Illinois — Columbus Cemetery:
YOUNGHEN, Margaret (Knauff), wife of Julius, "Mother"
— 1 May 1840-1 May 1908
YOUNGHEN, William — 21 Sep 1882-23 Apr 1954
YOUNGHEN, Henry — 1877-1950
YOUNGHEN, Nellie — 1880-1953

In Memory of

Joseph Richley, 76, of Dushore, PA, died Jan. 21, 1994, at Sayre. He was born Nov. 13, 1917 in Scranton, the son of Jerome and Mary McMahon Richley. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Pauline F. Lonser, who died Aug. 16, 1993. He is survived by two sons: Charles of Westerville, OH, and Joseph Jr. of Dushore; two daughters: Mrs. Fred (Joyce) Keeler, Montoursville; and Mrs. Linda McCarty, Dushore. Burial was in Peace Cemetery, Dushore. [Joseph⁴ Richley, Jerome³ Richley, Jesta L.⁴ (Yonkin) Richley, Henry² Yonkin, Heinrich¹ Junghin, ?]

Guy M. McCarty, 46, of Dushore, PA, died Sept. 25, 1993, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born May 18, 1947, in Williamsport, a son of the late J. Francis McCarty and Elfreda Snell McCarty. Surviving are his wife, the former Linda Richley, and four daughters: Ellie L., Autumn Lynn, Timberli A. and Ember J.; and one son, Guy Joseph. Burial was in Peace Cemetery, Dushore. [son in law of Mr. & Mrs Joseph Richley above.]

Esther R. Critchfield, 73, of Friendship Village, Bedford, PA, formerly of Fishertown, died April 3, 1994, in Altoona General Hospital. Born July 8, 1920, in Somerset County, she was a daughter of the late William and Lila (Yonkin) Trimpey. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ambrose, July 11, 1991, and also four brothers and three sisters. Survived by two sons: Joe, husband of the former Nancy Croyle, of Bedford; and James of Breezewood; also three grandchildren and one great grandchild. Also survived by a sister Mabel Marker of Somerset, and brother Harry Trimpey of Westmoreland County. Interment was in Bedford County Memorial Park. [Esther R.² (Trimpey) Critchfield, Delila Edna⁴ (Yonkin) Trimpey, William Lincoln³ Yonkin, Frederick J.⁴ Yonkin, Jacob³ Yonkin, Jacob² Yonkin, Heinrich¹ Junghin]

Earl T. Avery, 92, formerly of Nims Road, Bowling Green (Wood co. Ohio), died Saturday, March 26, 1994 at Wood County Hospital. He was born Aug. 17, 1901, in Wood County to Charles and Mary (Yonkin) Avery. He married Thelma Swindler on Feb. 28, 1925, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Rita Hines, Bowling Green; a son, Jim of Bowling Green; seven grandchildren; three step grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; three step great grandchildren and a sister, Gertrude McClung, Bowling Green.

Mr. Avery was preceded in death by five brothers; two sisters, and a great granddaughter.

[Earl T.⁴ Avery, Mary⁴ "Etta" Tonietta³ (Yonkin) Avery, Henry W.⁴ Yonkin, Isaac³ Yonkin, Jacob² Yonkin, Heinrich¹ Junghin]
[Source: *The Courier*, Findley, OH, Tuesday, March 29, 1994]

Meet Your Cousin...

Robert Joseph Yonkin
Dushore, Pennsylvania

AGE: "88, born Dec. 20, 1905."

FAMILY: "My wife, Evelyn Hollenstein, and four children: Joseph Melvin, 53, William Richard, 51, Carolyn Ann, 49, and Shirley Elizabeth, 47. I had one brother who died of cancer in August 1981."

WORK/CAREER: "I worked in Williamsport from 1926 to 1930 for .32¢ per hour, 48 hours per week. In 1930, I worked on a farm until I got married in 1936. My son William is on the farm now. We farm about 300 acres and milk 63 cows."

HOBBIES: "Reading, gardening and raising flowers."

MUSIC: "Western."

FOOD: "I love most foods. I like to eat."

GOALS: "To enjoy life and travel."

[Robert Joseph⁴ Yonkin, Howard P.³ Yonkin, Joseph H.⁴ Yonkin, Peter² Yonkin, Heinrich¹ Junghin, ?] See photograph below



1993 Reunion of the Yonkin Family held in Dushore, PA

Front row, seated: Cora Barth Zaner, Florence Rohe Toothaker, Evelyn Yonkin (wife of Robert J. Yonkin). Back row, standing, Barbara Yonkin (wife of Roger W. Yonkin), Roger W. Yonkin (he's doing our Junghen Cookbook), Miriam Zaner Hatten, Grace Toothaker DeLong, Fred Moll, Kathleen Shrimp Moll, Francis Moll, Ed Moll, Robert J. Yonkin (subject of 'Have You Met' above).

Reunions Help Strengthen Our Family

Please plan to attend the
nationwide Junghen reunion
July 22, 23, and 24, 1994
in Somerset, Pennsylvania

The Younkins and Idens



Susanna (Younkin) Iden

Susanna⁴ YOUNKIN (John³, Rudolph², Henrich¹) was born 19 Mar 1826 probably in Morgan county, OH (just prior to her parents settling in Perry county, OH). She was one of John and Margaret (TROUT) YOUNKIN's 14 children. Susanna married about 14 Oct 1858 in Perry co, OH, John IDEN, born 10 Aug 1827 Loudoun co, Virginia, son of Alfred and Mary Ann (BELL) IDEN.

They raised a family of seven children:

- 1) Minerva Minnie IDEN — nothing further known.
- 2) Dewitt IDEN — m: 15 Mar 1887 Mary Ann PIGG.
- 3) Julia May IDEN — m: 212 Aug 1887 Harvey KIRK.
- 4) Margaret Ann IDEN — d: 29 Sep 1910 Carlisle, AR.
- 5) Luella Belle IDEN — b: 10 Jan 1867 Washington co, IA, d: 8 Feb 1945 Washington co, IA, m: 16 Dec 1889 Theodore Raymond BENN.
- 6) Joann Josie IDEN — b: 26 May 1869 Washington co, IA, d: 18 Apr 1956 Washington co, IA, m: 14 Nov 1893 John R. Mc CREEDY.
- 7) Mary Catherine IDEN — b: 9 Aug 1871 Riverside, Washington Co, IA, d: 18 Feb 1968 Washington co, IA, m: 24 Mar 1896 James Edgar GALLAGHER.

Thomas H. IDEN, a brother of the above John IDEN, married Elizabeth⁴ YOUNKIN (Samuel³, Rudolph², Henrich¹) a first cousin to the above Susanna (Younkin) IDEN.

Thomas and Elizabeth had at least four children:

- 1) Charles H. IDEN b: 1858 Washington co, IA.
- 2) Chris IDEN b: 1858/59 Washington co, IA.
- 3) William W. IDEN b: 3 Jan 1860 Washington co, IA.
- 4) George W. IDEN b: 11 Nov 1862 Washington co, IA.

After Elizabeth's death, Thomas IDEN married Harriet H. HOLMES and had a daughter Kate IDEN b: 1869.

Another sibling of John and Thomas IDEN was Eliza Jane IDEN, b: 10 Nov 1825 probably Loudoun co, Virginia, d: 26 Jul 1908 in Riverside, Washington co, IA. She married 14 Nov 1849 Joseph⁴

YOUNKIN (Samuel³, Rudolph², Henrich¹), b: 5 Jul 1823 in Ohio, d: 17 Feb 1891 in Riverside. They are both buried in Riverside Cemetery.

Joseph and Elizabeth had eight children:

- 1) Gelissa Mary Ann YOUNKIN — m: Samuel Ernest ALLIN
- 2) Samuel E. YOUNKIN — b: 29 Mar 1853, d: 12 Feb 1942 Cedar Rapids, IA, m: Mary Alice McKNIGHT.
- 3) Elsie May YOUNKIN — b: 28 May 1855 Riverside, Washington co, IA, d: 31 Jan 1940 Pasadena, CA, m: 31 Aug 1870 Riverside, Jabez Wesley ALLIN.
- 4) Alfred H. YOUNKIN — b: 1857, d: 1957 Riverside, m: Louisa GODLOVE.
- 5) John H. YOUNKIN — b: 30 Jul 1859 Riverside, d: 1 Apr 1940 Riverside, m: 5 Dec 1900 Iowa City, IA Anna E. FORD.
- 6) Laura YOUNKIN — d: aft 1940 Plainview or Little Seal, TX, m: 25 Dec 1885/1888 Harry Lyle SMITH.
- 7) female YOUNKIN — m: J. H. PARNHAM.
- 8) J. Morris YOUNKIN — b: Aug 1863, d: Eugene, OR, m: Maud --?--.

The fourth union of our Younk in family and the Iden family was Henry A.⁴ YOUNKIN (Samuel³, Rudolph², Henrich¹) and Mary Ann IDEN. She was the daughter of Jacob and Catherine (HARRING) IDEN. Jacob IDEN was a brother of Alfred IDEN (John Iden's father, who was mentioned previously).

Henry and Mary Ann had two children: Wilbur YOUNKIN (died in infancy) and Emma C. YOUNKIN, b: Jan 1862, d: 1937 Riverside. Emma married Dayhart S. HARDY 28 Nov 1894 in Riverside.

Some information on this IDEN family was provided by Diana Scott, 3009 Edith NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107. The photos, provided by Diana Scott, bear the name "Armstrong, of Washington, Iowa" photography studio. Much of the family research in Iowa was from work done by: Laurel Posey of Granada Hills, CA, Violet Esterman of Aurora, CO, and by Robert J. Libby of Iowa City, Iowa.



John Iden

Arrivals in the Port of Philadelphia

In the last issue (Vol. 5 #1, page 9) I published a rather extensive listing of the Junghen (et var/ various spellings) families who arrived at the Pennsylvania port of Philadelphia. Upon reading the listing over, I noticed that I did not have the signature for Johannes Junghen, from the ship *Friendship*. I realized after that issue went to press that I had omitted it because of additional information I wanted to add later, but then I completely forgot — I am sorry.

Friendship, qualified 21 Oct 1754 — Captain Charles Ross: Johannes JUNGHEN.



I hope that you will now take a couple minutes to look at this signature and compare it to the signature on Henrich Junghen's Will on page 10 & 11 — remarkable similarity! Do keep in mind that his name was most likely "Johan Henrich Junghen." (remember *Henrich* is *Henry* Americanized)

Now what is most interesting about this particular ship's arrival is the other passengers on board ship with this Johannes Junghen — Hennrich ESCH and Henrich SCHERER.

1) *Hennrich ESCH* — we all, by now, know that Henry Youngkin Jr.'s daughter, Sarah, married Joseph ESCH 13 Aug 1826 in Easton, Northampton co, PA (Easton is just above where our family lived in Bucks County).

2) *Henrich SCHERER* — we also know that the immigrant Henrich JUNGHEN married Catharine SCHERER, "daughter of Henry SCHERER (according to Henry Youngkin Jr.'s baptismal certificate.)

Again, there are no female names listed on this passenger list — how unfortunate!

Information about this ship's origins and passengers stated: "*The Foreigners whose names are underwritten, imported in the Ship Friendship, Capt. Charles Ross, from Amsterdam but last from Gosport, did this day take the usual Qualifications to the Government. 7 Roman Catholics. Qual. No. 117 Whole Freights 301. From Franconia & Hesse.*"

Early Junghen Records

Gallatin Reformed Church Gallatinville, New York

Baptismal Record of Gallatin Reformed Church, Gallatinville, New York (also known at various times as: Stissing Church, Reformed Dutch Church of Greenbush, Vedder Church) 1748-1899: (I only copied part of the entries—DYL); Transcribed and published by Arthur C. M. Kelly, Rhinebeck, NY:

Year 1755-56

<u>Parents:</u>	<u>Child:</u>	<u>Sponsors:</u>
Hennrich Hoffmann	Mattheus	Peter Lot
Magdalena Junghans	20 July 1755	Regina Junghans
Georg Leonhard Junghans	Maria	Philipp
Maria Uhl	5 Nov 1755	Kauzmann Regina Junghansin

[Note: The "in" at the end of the second listing of Regina's name probably signifies that she is a female. An "en" or "in" was often added to the end of a female's root surname to denote the female gender— DYL]

The following is taken from a letter I received from Henry "Hank" Jones Jr., FASG. [Among his many genealogical credits, Hank was the winner of the *Donald Lines Jacobus Award* as the author of the best genealogical work published in 1986. His most recent book *Psychic Roots— Serendipity & Intuition in Genealogy* was recently published by Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, Md., and I highly recommend it!] Hank is a cousin on my Crippen family line and offered to check his collection of German Palatines for us:

"I checked my 17,000 documented family group sheets on New York Palatines, just in case some Younkin (et var.) families were there. I note that Mattheus JUNGHANS and wife Anna Margaretha were in the Dutchess Co., NY area at an early date. They had son Henrich bpt. at Albany Reformed Church 3 Feb 1739. Sibylla Magdalena, daughter of Mattheus, married Johann Henrich HOFFMAN 25 Mar 1753 (Rhinebeck Lutheran Churchbook).

"My two volume set *THE PALATINE FAMILIES OF NEW YORK — 1710*" notes a Nicholas JUNGENS (Hunter Lists #352), whom I found in Germany after years of digging in *Veldenz*. He married, as son of the late Cornelius JUNGENS, there 2 Feb 1706 Anna Magadalen HASS. He came in 1709, settled in New York, but drowned in 1715, apparently without issue. " — *Sincerely, Hank Jones Jr.*

The Junghen and Haupt Families of Bucks County, Pennsylvania



Tombstones at Durham Union Churchyard, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Henry Youngken
Haupt
son of John &
Elizabeth Haupt
Died July 26, 1864

Elizabeth
wife of John Haupt
Died March 1, 1831
In the 60th Year of Her Age
[Dau. of Henrich Junghen]

John Haupt
Died Aug. 25, 1851
Aged 84 years, 2 mo
& 13 days
[Grandson of
Herman Junghen]

This early history of the HAUPT family is part of a collection of records on the Haupt family of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, found in the Spruance Library and Museum in Doylestown, Pa. (home of the Bucks County Historical and Genealogical Societies). As has been stated in this newsletter previously, there were two distinct early connections between the HAUPT and YOUNKIN families in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The immigrant Herman JUNGHEN's daughter Maria "Catharine" YOUNKIN married Henry HAUPT, son of immigrant Sebastian HAUPT. And their oldest son, John HAUPT married Anna "Elizabeth" YOUNKIN, daughter of Herman's brother, Henrich JUNGHEN. Because of the obvious closeness of these families, it might be speculated that their relationship was established prior to their immigration. (Perhaps even coming from the same place in Germany.)

The following historical analysis of the colonial Haupt family was prepared in 1931 by Anita Eyster, a descendant of this line. Anita was the great grandchild of John Haupt. You will recall she also wrote the article "Junghen Family of Bucks County" which was reproduced in the very first issues of our newsletter. (It was also printed in the 1930s editions of the YFNB.) Anita's original collection of records on the Haupt and Younklin families has recently been donated by members of her family to the Spruance Library. I hope you enjoy Anita's original accounts as much as I did:

The first of the HAUPT family to arrive, so far as we know, was Sebastian HAUPT. He came on the Ship *Glasgow*, arriving in Philadelphia Sept. 11th, 1738, and we learn from the Ship List that he was twenty three years old. It is, to be sure, quite impossible to trace the early movements of the immigrants. We assume that they found, usually in Philadelphia, friends who had arrived before them and that they waited there till they decided where to settle. Probably all of

they went to work at once at whatever trade they had.

Sebastian HAUPT was a cooper, and perhaps that was the reason that he went out into the country as soon as he could and took up land somewhere near the Perkiomen Creek. The first actual knowledge we have about him is that he signed the Oath of Allegiance in Philadelphia County, Sept. 5th, 1750. The next information is from an early Tax Record of 1756, "in the Township called Perkiomen and Skippach," where he is recorded as possessing 125 acres, of which 60 are cleared, and three children. This gives an idea of the incredibly hard labor that was needed to take up this primitive land. Also the note about the children is verified by the records of the old Trappe Lutheran Church, where we find about this time the confirmations of his children; Elizabeth, born 1742; Henry born 1744; Anna Maria, born 1748. (There also are in the Trappe Records note of the children of a John Nicholas HAUPT, who had taken up 50 acres in this Township in 1741. But he was an Indian Trader and he soon moved on into the northern Counties, so we need not include him in an outline of the Philadelphia families.)

The two daughters of Sebastian Haupt have not been traced, although we know, at the time of his death, that there were granddaughters named WEISS. We also learn from his Will that Henry [who married Maria "Catharine" YOUNKIN] was his only son. Probably there were not more than three children, as we know from the burial record of his wife, Catherine, that she was at least 35 years old at the marriage and ten years older than Sebastian.

Meanwhile, another member of the HAUPT family, destined to become the head of a long line, was arriving in Pennsylvania. Samuel HAUPT came on the Ship *Edinburgh*, in 1754, and probably from the same Palatinate town, a first cousin, if not a brother, of Sebastian. He too waited a few years before locating, and it was not until 1759 that he bought from William Looft borrow 95 acres on the Limekiln Pike.

which remained in the family possession for 100 years.

It is interesting to speculate where he spent those five years, recalling the history of that time. "In November, 1754, in the midst of the excitement and recruitings growing out of the French War, there was agitation in Philadelphia because of a pestilence which had broken out and was spreading through the place. It was a sort of ship fever or typhus, and engendered about the unhealthy, crowded vessels which brought Palatines to the port. Although a quarantine station had been established at the mouth of the Schuylkill, the City Council nevertheless requested the port physicians to visit all ships in the harbor and all the houses where Palatines lodged. Dr. Bond reported that in several houses there were groups of Germans, all sick and liable to spread the plague. He mentions one party at Philip Burkhardt's, near the Dutch Reformed Church, another at Frederic Burk's, Spring Garden. At Jacob Cost's, in *Dirty Alley*, twenty were down with the fever, and so on." [quoted from Scharff & Westcott, Vol. I] From this we may infer that there were houses which made a business of taking in the German immigrants and many of them, in their wretched condition, were badly imposed upon and robbed. In the same year, 254 of these strangers were buried.

Now when Samuel HAUPT bought his plantation in Upper Dublin, in March 1759, he was already married and his son Philip was three months old. We have no record of the name of his wife, though she evidently soon died. Here we may be permitted to use a little imagination, building on some known facts. On the same Ship *Edinburgh*, which brought Samuel HAUPT, there were Philip and Henry SUMMERS, whose father, with the rest of the family, had preceded them by two years and was already settled in Horsham. As we have seen, in 1754 the city of Philadelphia was full of typhus fever. What more reasonable than to suppose that Samuel HAUPT went at once with these young men, (probably old friends and neighbors,) to the home already established in the country, which would give them a ready welcome. Now this family included two young women, Elizabeth and Margaret. It is perhaps not right to assume too much, but the child of Samuel's first marriage was named Philip; his second wife, whom he married about 1763, was named Margaret, and by her he had eight children, of whom the first daughter was named Elizabeth, and called Lissy, and the second daughter was named Ann Elizabeth and called Betsy. The supposition



Anita Eyster's Lineage

that Samuel married one or both of Philip SUMMERS' sisters seems plausible. His oldest daughter Elizabeth later married Philip SUMMERS' oldest son.

Now we may suppose that Sebastian HAUPT, over on the Perkiomen, would soon find it possible to travel across the Skippack Road, to visit his newly arrived cousin. And when Samuel HAUPT settled on the beautifully situated tract in Upper Dublin, Sebastian thought of a trade for his son Henry, now nearly grown, as well as his own business, and he picked out a mill property of 108 acres, now for sale through the death of John Kirk, and separated from Samuel HAUPT's tract by the distance from Jarrettown to Dreshertown. He came here in 1761. In 1766 his elderly wife Catherine died and was buried at Puff's, as we learn from records of St. Michael's, Germantown. But some months before this, the son Henry married and he took for his wife the 17-year-old daughter of Herman YOUNGHAN, who had settled in the far upper corner of Bucks County about the time that Sebastian HAUPT came to Penn-

sylvania. That Henry HAUPT should have gone so far for his wife seems to connote a previous acquaintance with the family, and in fact, if we ever discover what town in the Palatinate was the home of one of these families, we shall probably know the home of all of them.

To conclude the story of Sebastian HAUPT, before tracing the later history of his son Henry; he married again, within a year, Mary, the widow of Derick CASTLEBERRY, who had presumably been his neighbor in Perkiomen. By 1770 he seems to have been able to retire from business, selling his land and buying a house in Philadelphia, on Elm St. near 3rd, where he lived until his death in 1782. He left property for the support of his wife, which was sold at her death in 1797, and the money distributed to his son Henry and the granddaughters.

His cousin Samuel HAUPT, in Upper Dublin, died two years later, leaving a family of four sons and four daughters, most of whom carried on the traditions of the family, living and marrying in Upper Dublin and nearby Townships, and their descendants are still largely in Montgomery County. Samuel HAUPT was buried at Puff's and we suppose that Sebastian was also.

Meanwhile the son Henry operated the mill property in Upper Dublin, which included grist and saw mills, and we

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may infer that the business was profitable, for in 1770 he bought from his father in law, Herman YOUNGHAN, for 1200 pounds, a mill property in Springfield Township, Bucks County, near Durham, for which Herman YOUNGHAN had, two years before, paid 500 pounds, and which had sold earlier, in 1762, for 275 pounds. On this property Henry HAUPT settled, with his wife and two children born in Upper Dublin, and here he established a family which is still [in 1931] in possession of the land. The next year, 1771, Henry bought from his father 80 acres of the Upper Dublin tract paying 150 pounds for it. This he probably rented and three years later, he sold it for 515 pounds, a very substantial profit.

About this time the lots of the Durham Tract were put up for sale, and Henry bought two of them, including nearly 500 acres, along Cook's Creek, adjoining his earlier purchase. Here he erected a house, which is still standing [in 1931] in good condition, and here he raised a large family, of whom ten grew to adult age. The records of these are contained in the large German Bible, which has been passed from one generation to another, until the present day. Unhappily, the Bible of Samuel HAUPT, though left in his will to his oldest daughter, Elizabeth, cannot be found.

It may be of interest to note here that in the family of Samuel HAUPT of Upper Dublin and in that of Henry HAUPT of Springfield and Durham, there is a striking similarity of names. In each family for three generations we find repeated the names of Henry, John, Samuel, Jacob, Elizabeth, Catherine.

Henry HAUPT signed the Oath of Allegiance to the Commonwealth on May 27th, 1778, at Durham and he is recorded in the Associators and Militia, Capt. George Heinlein's Co. of Durham, in 1781. He had a busy life, buying and selling much property, running mills, farm, distillery and forge, and his six sons were kept so strictly and severely at work, that each of them, as he came of age, went out of the homestead to work for himself. Henry HAUPT died in 1809, and was buried at first in private ground, later at Durham [Union] churchyard. The inscription on his tombstone reads:

JOHN HENRY SEBASTIAN HOUP

which has caused confusion with his father Sebastian, but in all other accounts, Church records and legal documents, he signed himself simply HENRY HOUP.

We have said that the sons of Henry HAUPT scattered as soon as they could escape from parental control. It is commonly said that the Bucks County Haults went north, south, east and west. At any rate, Samuel went to New York State, taking with him his wife, Elizabeth SWETZER, from Bucks County; Abraham went to Illinois, and the youngest daughter, Elizabeth, went with him and married there; Henry and Sebastian went to Alabama, the family of the latter going to Texas; Jacob settled in Philadelphia, marrying a granddaughter of another HAUPT line, and from his sons come the wellknown Philadelphia families, one of them being that of Gen. Herman HAUPT, of Civil War fame, and the father of

the noted engineer, Lewis M. HAUPT.

The oldest daughter of Henry HAUPT, Mary Magdalena, married Abraham KREIDER and went into Central Pennsylvania. The second daughter, Catherine, married Septimus EVANS, the son of Capt. Nathan EVANS, an officer of the Revolution, and this family is well represented in Chester and Delaware counties. The third daughter, Sarah, married Abraham PIESCH, a wellknown merchant and shipowner of Philadelphia, who was ruined in the War of 1812, when the French privateers destroyed his merchant vessels. He left no children.

Of all this large family, only the oldest, John, came back to the homestead to carry on the line in Bucks County. We have some direct evidence here, unfortunately only fragmentary. In the papers of John HOUP, 2nd, at the Homestead, only a few years ago, there was found a single sheet of paper, which was the first page of a life history, begun by this first John HOUP, oldest son of Henry [and his wife Maria "Catherine" Youngkin, daughter of Herman JUNGHEIN]. Short as it is, it gives us a glimpse of the family that is invaluable. We quote from this:

1. John Houpt, was born near Philadelphia on the 12th day of June, 1767. My parents were Henry and Catherine[Youngkin] Houpt. My grandparents emigrated from Germany, which country they left in consequence of the persecution of the Protestants, preferring the wilderness of America, with the freedom from persecution, to the cultivated fields of Europe in connection with the oppression. They were by profession Lutherans, or Episcopalians, as the believers of the same doctrine are called in England.

My parents brought me up in strict obedience to the church discipline and creed of the religious society of which they were members; and to that creed I have adhered during life; but I think with more liberality towards those who are of a different opinion than was manifested by my parents. For as I have looked back and reflected on their pertinacious adherence to forms and ceremonies, I have concluded that they were somewhat superstitious in being so very strenuous in their way and that they were not sufficiently charitable towards others.

Being the oldest of my father's children, of which there were ten sons and daughters, I was, after the manner of the Germans, kept closely to work by my father at his business, he being a farmer, and therefore got but very little learning, though I so far improved my limited opportunities within my reach, as to be able to read the German language, though I never went to German school.

When I arrived at the age of twenty-one years, I resolved to see a little of the world, and though my parents were opposed to my determination, yet having resolved I was not to be turned from my

purpose. When the day arrived which I had fixed for leaving home, my father, who was just ready to go to church, put a small amount of money, less than...

Here the page abruptly ends. It would be most interesting to know what he did with his new freedom, in the year 1788. But at least we know that by 1792 he had married Elizabeth YOUNGKEN [dau. of Henrich JUNGHEN] and was back at the mill, living in the end rooms of the old mill, and by 1796 was able to buy from his father Henry the original 90 acres, with the mills, paying this time the sum of 2000 pounds. The Account Book which he kept the first year that he owned the mills is in the possession of the Bucks County Historical Society. Nearly fifty deeds are in the keeping of the present owner of the property [William F. Witte, grandson of John HAUPT], the earliest dated 1758, showing the many land acquisitions of the Houpt family.

Soon after John HOUPT bought the mills, he was able to erect a large and substantial stone house, which is the present homestead, and dates therefore about 1798. He raised there a family of ten children, but of his four sons, only one married. That one was Abraham, who married Rachel, the daughter of William and Jane LONG, but left only one son and grandson, who has no male issue, so unhappily, there is no one to carry on the name in this line. The homestead and mills became the property of the second son, John HOUPT 2nd, who lived till old age, with his spinster sister, Elizabeth, and at his death, willed the homestead to the family of his youngest sister,

Mary Ann, who had married the Hon. William H. WITTE, and whose son is now (1931) the owner of this fine old property.

John HOUPT so far profited by his early hardships that he gave to his children all the advantages of education that might be had in his day. It is notable that the family has produced few farmers but many engineers and professional men. And the Lutheran creed is still held amongst them, with its harshness modified by time.

Now the descendants of these worthy pioneers have come together in the effort to preserve the history of that primitive time. It is our hope that for many years we may carry forward the traditions of our forefathers.

Anita L. Smith Eyster, 26 Sept 1931

References:

BIBLE RECORDS:

Henry Haupt Family Bible, Nurnberg, 1755, in possession of the family.

John Haupt Family Bible, Halle, 1741, in possession of the family.

CHURCH RECORDS:

Trappe Church

St. Michael's & Zion, Philadelphia

St. Michael's, Germantown

Old Williams, Northampton county

Durham Union Churchyard, Bucks county [where many members of this line of the family are buried.]

[Other misc. reference material is included in Anita's list, most of which are deeds for the various properties. Many of these deeds were never recorded at the Bucks County Court House. Also John Haupt, son of Henry and Catherine (Youngken) Haupt, was baptized 16 Apr 1767 at St. Luke's Lutheran & Reformed Church near Ferndale, Bucks County, his sponsors were: John JUNCEN and Barbara DIETER.—DYL.]



A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE — All of these Younkins were present at one or more of the early Younkun Family Reunions in the 1930s & '40s. (See Mark Miner's article on Page 12). Front row, from left, Harold A. Younkun, Great Bend, KS; Vesta (Younkin) Kirzgavis, Latrobe, PA; Mabel (Younkin) Plume, Confluence, PA; Ermalee (Younkin) Shumate, Mt. Sterling, OH; Ailene (Younkin) Lantz, Baltimore, MD; Helen (Younkin) Cannon, Meyersdale, PA; Margaret (Younkin) Crisafulli, Davidsville, PA; Charlotte (Younkin) Anderson, Glen Burnie, MD; Charles E. Younkun, Boswell, PA. Back row, from left, Delano Younkun, Ashville, OH; William R. Younkun, Addison, PA; Betty (Younkin) Sanner, Somerset, PA; Dick Younkun, Orlando, FL; and Tom Younkun, Ashland, OH., son of Otto Younkun who was President of the Younkun Association in the '30s & '40s, and helped organize the reunions. [Photograph taken at the 1992 Younkun Reunion in Kingwood, PA]

Will of Henrich Junghen (1717 - 1787)
of Haycock Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania
Estate #2111

In the Name of God, Amen. This eighteenth Day of January in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty seven. I Henry Younghen of Haycock Township County of Bucks & State of Pennsylvania being weak in Body but of a perfect sound mind & memory. Thanks be given unto God therefore remembering my latter End & the Uncertainty of this Life & Certainty of Death do make & publish this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following first I recommend my Soul to God my merciful Creator and Redeemer and my Body to the Earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named whom I also desire to pay my Just Debts and funeral Expenses and Legacies hereafter mentioned and now touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless my endeavours I desire and dispose of the same as followeth Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Catherine yearly as long as she remains my Widow the Sum of three Pounds lawful money to be paid out of my Estate my wife Catherine is to live on my Plantation & in the House wherein I now live so long as she remains my Widow likewise I give unto my wife all the Beds and Bedsteads that is in my House to be divided between the Mother & her two Daughters I likewise give unto my wife a chest and all the Flax, Yarn and Linnen, that is made or may be made out of last year's flax the linnen to be Divided between the Mother and her two Daughters I likewise give unto my wife a cow & to have her choice out of the stock & one row of Trees through the middle of the orchard length ways yearly & half of the Garden. I likewise gave unto my son Frederick the Plantation or Improvements wherein I now live containing one hundred & eighteen acres in manner following: one Hundred Pounds lawful money to be paid in ten equal Payments by my Son Frederick or his heirs ten Pounds lawful money to be paid a year after my wife's Decease & so on yearly till hundred pounds be paid & my Son Frederick to give to his Mother yearly & every year during her Widowhood five bushels of wheat & five bushels of — — Pasture & Hay for one Cow & Stable room and Some part of the Barn to keep her Hay and firewood Chopped and brought to the house & she to have priviledge in the Cellar & Winter & Frederick to find Land plough & Sow one Quarter of an acre with Flax Seed Yearly & my wife likewise shall have all the Iron Potts Pine Stove & Iron Kettle that are in the House in use but if she should Marry again then she must leave the premises. Kitchen Furniture & the Stove & Money to remain to my Children my Son Jacob to have the Grey Mare & my Son Frederick to have the Brown Mare and the remainder of the moveables to be Sold as soon as may be after my Decease by Publick Sale except the Grain in the House & the Meat and all my children namely John, Jacob, Frederick, Rudolph, Henry,

Elisabeth & Catharine all to have Share and Share alike out of the Moveables those that now are of Age to receive their Share as soon as may be & the rest under age when they arrives to the Age of Twenty one years & my son Henry is to learn a Trade likewise I give unto my Son Henry my land & improvement Situate in Bethminster Township County of Bucks containing eighty acres be the same more or less & fifteen acres more or less in Hayscock Township to be paid in manner following Eighty Pounds lawful Money to be paid in eight equal Payments ten pounds lawful money to be paid after my wife's Decease as aforesaid & so on till the Eighty Pounds is paid the first Payment likewise to be after her Decease but my son Frederick & Henry are not to have Share with the rest of the money paid for the lands but only out of the Moveable Estate and said described Lands & Improvements to have & to hold unto Frederick & Henry their heirs & assigns for ever said Land in Bethminster Township to be lett till Henry arrives to the age of Twenty one Years and the Rent to be added to the moveable Estate and my son John is to have five Shillings lawful money over and above his Share & Portion and no more and last of all I do nominate & appoint John Will and my Wife Catharine sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament not Doubting but that they will act according to the true intent and meaning of this my last Will & Testament In witness whereof I have to this present as my last Will and Testament set my Hand & Seal the Day and Year above Written.

Signed Sealed and Delivered
in the Presents of us
Jacob Nicola
Godfrey Boyer



[Henrich's signature, from original document]

N.B. It is also my Will if any of my Children should Die before they arrive to the full age his or her Share or Shares to be divided in manner as abovesaid & Elisabeth & Catharine to hold with my Son Frederick but he is to have all the Gain in Ground on said Lands & my Wife have liberty to raise & keep two swine Yearly to her use on the Place as long as she remains a Widow.

Jacob Nicola
Godfrey Boyer

The 13th day of March 1787 appeared Jacob Nicola & Godfrey Boyer the two Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Instrument of writing who on their solemn oaths did depose and say that they were Personally Present ___ the said Henry Youngker the testator herein named sign, seal, publish and ___ and for his last Will and Testament, and that at the time ___ of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding to the best of their ___ belief.

Before me ___ Hart Reg.

Witness:

Be it Remembered that on the 13th day of March 1787 the last Will and Testament of Henry Young ___ was duly proved on Letters Testamentary were granted to John Mill and Catherine Younkar Exe. & Executrix in the said Will named they having first been duly Qualified well and truly to Adm. the Goods Chattels Rights and Credits of the said Testator, and then one month from this Date to Exhibit, or cause to be Exhibited into the Records office for said County a Just Inventory and Conscionable Appraisal ___ same; and within one Year, or when thereunto lawfully required ___ account of their whole Administration InTestimony wherein I hereunto Set my hand & Seal of said office.

___ Hart Register

Charleroi Charley's Prolific Pen

By MARK MINER

"Box 170, Charleroi, Pa." was the most famous address in the Younkin family in the 1930s and early '40s, belonging to one Charles Arthur Younkin. "Charleroi Charley," as he has been called, was a wholesale grocer, reunion organizer, journalist, voluminous letter writer and all-around family cheerleader. His pioneering genealogy work resulted in a national following involving thousands of cousins, a phenomenon he called the "great Younkin awakening." His efforts set the stage for the renewed interest in Younkin family connections today.

Born at Clay Run, near Mill Run, Pa., on April 16, 1880, Charley was one of 10 children of William Dayton and Lucinda (Harbaugh) Younkin. He was raised on the family farm, where he no doubt heard many stories of his pioneer Younkin and Harbaugh ancestors who had settled in the area. At age 22, Charley married Saloma Hall. They lived in Conneville for a number of years before moving to Charleroi, a river town in the Monongahela valley. He made his living in the wholesale grocery business, working as a "poultryman and salesman." In his later genealogy work, his sales experience came in handy.

Charley and Saloma had five children — Bessie Marie Todd, Clarence W., Fred William, Harold and Emma Lou Gosney-Zance. Tragedy struck in 1929, when Bessie died of tuberculosis, leaving behind a husband and two young daughters. Three years later, in 1932, Saloma died, also of TB, making Charley a widower. It was during this period that he first became "engaged in genealogical work," perhaps to overcome the grief of his terrible loss.

Countless Missives

Charley's research consisted of trips to visit distant cousins in many states; delving into church, state and colonial records; walks through cemeteries; and nonstop correspondence. His letter writing was prolific, as evidenced by the countless missives he dashed off to Younkin relatives all over the country. Once he wrote that "I myself am not a speaker, but my hobby is writing ... [and] to blow the Younkin horn long and loud." By 1934 he had established that the Younkins were German and had arrived in America in 1737. Like most genealogists, he was continually frustrated by the "several missing links" in the family tree.

Charley considered it his "sacred duty" to help others discover their roots. In one letter to an Iowa cousin, he wrote:



"My heart is with all you fine Younkin folks in any move to help bind this great family more closely together." Many sent him photographs, Bible records and news clippings. He was persistent, and often sent a series of follow up letters to cousins who had not replied soon enough for his satisfaction.

Charley's writing style was a bit hurried, rambling and flowery, but his salesmanship was effective. One letter promoting the reunion stated: "...anyone who misses this great affair will be missing a treat of their entire life."

Another said: "Dear friend, there is not any charge for the little information we are able to give on your branch though we are always glad to receive contributions to help carry on as we in our research work are at considerable expense...."

The First of Many Reunions

On the fateful 16th of July, 1934, one of Charley's letters arrived at the home of Otto Roosevelt Younkin in Masontown, Pa. The letter asked Otto to which Younkin branch he belonged and inquired about what Otto "thought of holding a reunion of the Younkins." Otto replied the next day, stating he "was in favor and would do what [he] could towards making it a success."

Less than three weeks later, Otto and Charley met for the first time, quite by accident, in a little cemetery near the village of Kingwood, Pa. Otto was visiting his mother in the area and, interested in genealogy himself, decided to visit an old Younkin cemetery. "Having spent an hour or so in the cemetery," Otto wrote, "we were ready to leave for other old burial grounds when another car drives in through the wilderness. Two men got out of the car, one of them whom I recognized ... [but] the other man was a total stranger to me.... Upon being introduced we learned this stranger to be none other than ... Charles A. Younkin of Charleroi, Pa., who was upon a similar mission as ourselves."

And so the friendship between Charley and Otto began. Several days later, Charley wrote to Otto proposing that they meet soon with other interested Younkins to plan a reunion. They did so, and the first reunion took place on Sept. 2, at the Kingwood Picnic Grove, after an ad-hoc committee launched an intensive postcard campaign to inform people of the big event. Charley later wrote that the first reunion "sprang up like a mushroom overnight."

The first reunion drew 400 people. Officers were elected to the new Younkin Family Association: Otto Younkin,

president; attorney Frederick E. Younkin of Connellsville, Pa., vice president; Charleroi Charley, secretary; Milton Bruce Younkin of Rockwood, Pa., treasurer; and Nellie B. Wiley of California, Pa., assistant secretary. Special stationery was printed, and Charley was using it for his letters by the end of the year.

Attendance at subsequent reunions swelled. The event consisted of huge picnic meals, and morning and afternoon programs, including visiting, singing, orchestra music, speeches, comedy, dancing acts and ventriloquists. A booth was provided for display of old heirlooms, family letters, photos, records, titles and Bibles. The music was so popular that in 1937 the planners bought a piano "just to be used at this and following reunions."

In 1937, 1,000 people came to the reunion. In 1938, an incredible 1,500 people attended despite being in the chokehold of the lingering Depression. A columnist for the *Pickaway County News*, Ohio, learned of the event and said it was "the largest family reunion of which I have any record..."

The Original YFNB

Of all Charley's accomplishments, perhaps the one with the most impact was his work as editor of the *Younkin Family News Bulletin*, the forerunner to the newsletter you are reading now. The original YFNB was a six-page, five column tabloid format, published at Charleroi. The subscription price was \$1.00 per year. The first issue, dated Christmas 1937, was loaded with family stories and obituaries, a 1937 reunion wrapup, and letters to the editor. Many of the articles were submitted by cousins, or were news articles mentioning Younkins. Later editions contained photos of relatives young and old.

All told, Charley published eight known editions of the YFNB — Christmas 1937; April 30, 1938; August 5, 1938; December 20, 1938; August 10, 1939; March 15, 1940; Sept. 25, 1940; and June 30, 1941.

By 1941, however, Charley had pushed himself so much that his health had begun to falter. He received a letter in April of that year from cousin Anita L. Eyster, a genealogist from Philadelphia, who stated that "I am certainly sorry to hear that you are laid up. I am afraid you have always worked too hard."

The Beginning of the End

Also by 1941, enthusiasm for the YFNB appears to have waned. Fred E. Younkin wrote to Charley in March of that year, saying "...that statement of yours that unless some miracle happens the present issue of the News Bulletin will be the last ever to be published strikes me with some pain and much concern."

The last known YFNB, dated June 30, 1941, contained an ominous foreshadowing of coming events. It included a letter from D.G. Younkin of Mesa, Ariz., commenting on the

prospects for war and predicting that "We are certain to be called upon to sacrifice much, to work hard and long with no thought of the dividends which might accrue or the wages which could result but I'm sure our Younkin group will do that very thing."

The "great Younkin awakening" came to an explosive halt on Dec. 7, 1941 — the day the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, plunging the country into World War II. Because of subsequent rationing of gasoline and fuel oil, automobile trips to reunions were no longer feasible. Due to wartime shortages of paper, publishing the YFNB was out of the question.

In the decades following the YFNB's demise, many subscribers passed their copies down to children and grandchildren. This printed record of a golden era in the family has directly led to widespread re-emergence of national interest in Younkin genealogy in the 1990s.

Ironically, though some of Charley's grown children attended the early reunions, none of them shared his interest in genealogy or carried on his work. Following his death, it is said, his research files were thrown away.

Charley's activities in his later years are little known. At some point of time in the 1930s, he began to keep company with Luella Shepard, a distant cousin who had moved to Charleroi from Dodge City, Kansas, and who played the piano at the reunions. They remained together until he died. In his last years, Charley suffered from dropsy, a condition in which fluids gather in body tissues.

On Jan. 30, 1950, Charley died at his home in Charleroi at the age of 70, after an illness of six months. He was buried beside his wife in the Imel Cemetery near Clay Run, in the same ground as several generations of his forefathers. He rests in good company, having exerted a very positive influence on countless Younkins past and present.

Mark A. Miner

Lineages

Charles Arthur Younkin & Saloma Hall

William Dayton Younkin & Lucinda Harbaugh

George A. Younkin & Charlotta Younkin*

George Younkin & Nancy Johnston

John Michael Younkin & Catharina -?

Henrich Junghen & Catharine Scherer

*Charlotta Younkin & George A. Younkin

Charles Younkin & Jane Johnston

John Michael Younkin & Catharina -?

Henrich Junghen & Catharine Scherer

Luella Abigail Prather & Mr. Shepard

Mamie Elmira Younkin & James M. Prather

Singleton "Sink" Younkin & Eliza Jane DeMoss

Isaac Younkin & Rebecca Walter

Jacob Younkin & Sarah Salome Weimer

Jacob Younkin & Hannah Nicola

Henrich Junghen & Catharine Scherer

The Abraham Youngken Family

Descendants of Immigrant Herman Junghen

Abraham⁴ YOUNGKEN (Nicholas³, John², Herman¹) b 28 June 1833 in Bucks county, PA; d 13 Nov 1857 Bucks county, PA. He is buried at St. Luke's Lutheran Church near Ferndale in Bucks County. Abraham was a son of Johan "Nicholas" YOUNGKEN and his second wife Mary Elizabeth YOUNG of Nockamixon township.

Abraham married Mary FRANKENFIELD. The following history of the FRANKENFIELD FAMILY from "The History of Bucks County, Pennsylvania", edited by J. H. Battle, Philadelphia, PA, Warner & Company (1887), gives us an interesting background on Abraham's wife, Mary FRANKENFIELD.

"Adam FRANKENFIELD came to America from Germany, and settled in Springfield township. He has eight sons. Henry, the oldest, married Catherine WEAVER, to whom were born two sons and two daughters. Henry came to Haycock township in 1808, and purchased sixty-five acres of land from one Jacob HARDWICK. There were four children in this family. The eldest son, Henry, married Anna DATESMAN, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (SHELLENBERGER) DATESMAN, of Hilltown township, this county. They had three sons and two daughters. For thirty-five years Henry FRANKENFIELD was justice of the peace for Haycock township, and he held other positions of trust. His eldest daughter, Mary was born in 1832, and in 1855 was married to Abraham YOUNGKEN, a son of Nicholas and Mary YOUNGKEN, of Nockamixon township. One son born of this marriage, Abraham F. Abraham YOUNGKEN died in 1856 [his tombstone reads: born 28 June 1833, died November 13th, 1857]. She was again married to Aaron ZIEGENFUSS in 1861. Five children have been born of this marriage: Ellamanda, Anna, Mahlon, Henry and Harvey. ..."

Though Abraham YOUNGKEN died at the young age of 24, he and wife Mary had one son Abraham Frankenkfield YOUNGKEN (see his baptism certificate on Page) who was born 31 Mar 1858 in Haycock township, Bucks co, PA.

Mary FRANKENFIELD YOUNGKEN ZIEGENFUSS d 15 Nov 1917 in Fork's township at her daughter, Mrs. Martin Grube's home. She is buried in the Durham Union Churchyard.

FIFTH GENERATION

On November 2, 1878 young Abraham F.⁵ YOUNGKEN (Abraham⁴, Nicholas³, John², Herman¹) married Mary STEELY, born 6 May 1857, daughter of Christian and Mary (TRAUGER) STEELY, of Tinicum. Their marriage took

place in Kintersville, Bucks county and was officiated by the Reverend W. S. Emery.

Much sadness was thrust upon this young man in the early years of his life. Abraham and Mary's first child, Mary Estella was born 26 Jan 1880 and a son followed the next year, Oscar William, born 15 June 1881. But tragedy soon struck. On September 5, 1881 infant Oscar died and less than a week later Mary Estella died. Both children are buried, side by side, in the St. Luke's Union Churchyard, near Ferndale.

Their third child, Christian Steely YOUNGKEN was born on May 25, 1883. But the grim reaper would not wait long. Abraham's young wife, Mary, died on July 9, 1885.

With a young son to be cared for, Abraham soon took a second wife. He married Ellamanda BOUGHER, daughter of Amos and Elizabeth (STOVER) BOUGHER, b 14 Oct 1865, d 26 Jan 1928.

Abraham and Ellamanda YOUNGKEN had two children: Horace YOUNGKEN b Apr 1887.

Alvin F. YOUNGKEN b 11 Apr 1893.

SIXTH GENERATION

Christian Steely⁶ YOUNGKEN (Abraham⁵, Abraham⁴, Nicholas³, John², Herman¹), b 25 May 1883 in Bucksville, d 11 Apr 1969. He was by occupation a farmer and milkman.

He married 24 Dec 1904 Minnie SERFASS, b 7 Dec 1881, d 11 Apr 1972, daughter of William Henry and Mary R. (NAGLE) SERFASS.

Christian and Minnie were active participants in the annual FRANKENFIELD reunions held in Bucks County and often won the award for being "married longest." Christian and Minnie and their son Henry and his wife also attended the YOUNKIN reunions held in Somerset county, PA in the 1930s and '40s. They are both buried in Belfast Cemetery.

Children of Christian and Minnie YOUNGKEN (the children with a number prior to their name are continued later):

- 1 i. Mary Marguerite⁷ YOUNGKEN.
- 2 ii. Henry Christian YOUNGKEN.
- iii. Alvin William S. YOUNGKEN, b 27 Jan 1909, d 26 Dec 1911, buried Belfast Cemetery.
- 3 iv. Georgia Ellen Rebecca YOUNGKEN
- 4 v. Philip Frederick YOUNGKEN

Horace⁶ YOUNGKEN (Abraham⁵, Abraham⁴, Nicholas³, John², Herman¹), b 12 Apr 1887, d 13 Mar 1972.

He married Anna BEAN, b 21 May 1887 in Ferndale, d 11 Mar 1942 in Quakertown, Bucks co., daughter of Jonas/ Jonathan and Emma BEAN.

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Baptismal Certificate for Abraham F. Youngken son of Abraham Youngken and Maria Catharina Frankenfield



The
married man
Abraham Youngken
and his wife Maria Catharina
a born Frankenfield
has a son been born on the 31st day of
March in the year of our Lord 1858.
This son was born in Haycock
Township in Bucks County
in State of Pennsylvania in
North America, he was christianed
and received the name
Abraham
on the 20th day in June in the year
of our Lord 1858 from Mr. W. B. Kemmerer.

Christianing witnesses:
the mother of the child.

My thanks to Willie and Hella Steinebrunner, of Woodsboro, Maryland, who translated this certificate for us. Both Willie and Hella were born and raised in Zell im Wiesental, Germany.

The above baptismal certificate was sent in by Edna Youngkin Swartz, of 618 W. Union Blvd, Bethlehem, PA 18018-3723.
[please note that only the top half of the certificate was reproduced here, the bottom half has no family data.]

Abraham Youngken Family

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Horace and Anna (Bean) Youngken

Children of Horace and Anna YOUNGKEN:

- i. Evelyn Pearl⁷ YOUNGKEN, b 21 Jun 1912, resided Tinticum, Bucks co, PA
- ii. Anna Kathryn YOUNGKEN, b 1915, m Walter BURGALA. Resided Riegelsville, PA
- iii. Walter Bean YOUNGKEN, b 1919, resided Tinticum, PA

Alvin F.⁶ YOUNGKEN (Abraham⁵, Abraham⁴, Nicholas³, John², Herman¹), b 11 Apr 1893 Nockamixon, d 2 Sep 1963 in Hellertown, PA. (Note the spelling change from YOUNGKEN to YOUNGKIN in this generation).

He married 20 Dec 1913 in Kintnersville Alice Grace WEIRBACK, b 5 Mar 1894, d 16 Aug 1947, daughter of William I. and Christiana Rebecca (KRONER) WEIRBACK.

Alvin was a farmer and worked for Bethlehem Fabricators. They are both buried in Durham Union churchyard.

Children of Alvin and Alice YOUNGKIN:

- 5 i. Clarence Edward⁷ YOUNGKIN
- 6 ii. Harold Abraham YOUNGKIN
- 7 iii. Ralph Louis YOUNGKIN
- 8 iv. Edna Elizabeth YOUNGKIN

SEVENTH GENERATION

1 Mary Marguerite⁷ YOUNGKEN (Christian Steeley⁶, Abraham⁵, Abraham⁴, Nicholas³, John², Herman¹), b 1 Nov 1905. Graduated Liberty High School, and St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing. She also received credits toward a degree from Pennsylvania University. She was active in Red Cross and held offices in St. Luke's Alumnae Assoc. She was a board member for the Pennsylvania School of nursing. She was a supervisor at St. Luke's Hospital in the Maternity department and taught mother and baby care classes.

2 Henry Christian⁷ YOUNGKEN (Christian Steeley⁶, Abraham⁵, Abraham⁴, Nicholas³, John², Herman¹), b 2 Apr 1907 Bethlehem, d 2 Apr 1990, Easton, Northampton co, PA. Henry graduated from Liberty High School, Lehigh



Henry Christian Youngken, son of Christian and Minnie (Serfass) Youngken

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Abraham Youngken Family

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University with a degree in engineering, and also attended Churchmen's College earning a CPA. He worked for Consumers Research and Lehigh Valley Railroads.

He married 1 Jun 1937 Lorena Weston WALTER, b 17 May 1914, daughter of Earle H. and Aline WALTER. Lorena currently resides in Easton.

Child of Henry Christian and Lorena YOUNGKEN:

- i. Carl Henry⁸ YOUNGKEN, b 3 Oct 1951, m Dr. Aurelia F. LOPEZ.

3 Georgia Ellen Rebecca⁷ YOUNGKEN (Christian Steeley⁶, Abraham⁵, Abraham⁴, Nicholas³, John², Herman¹), b 16 Aug 1910, d 18 Jul 1949. She was a graduate of Stroudsburg Teachers College and taught school for a number of years. She later worked at Sears in the mail order department.

She married Andrew F. HERRITY, b 4 Sep 1907.

4 Philip Frederick⁷ YOUNGKEN (Christian Steeley⁶, Abraham⁵, Abraham⁴, Nicholas³, John², Herman¹), b 5 Jul 1921. Philip graduated from Moravian College with a BS in Chemistry and was a Chief Chemist for Bethlehem Steel Company. He also served as a Lieutenant in the Navy and his active duty included US and foreign field tours.

He married Doris Pauline CROSSAN, b 19 Apr 1925 in Bethlehem, daughter of Paul and Myrtle Crossan.

Children of Philip⁷ and Doris YOUNGKEN:

- i. April Eileen⁸ YOUNGKEN, b 27 Sep 1951 in Virginia, m Patrick Andrew HERRITY.
- ii. Philip Frederick YOUNGKEN Jr., b 10 Oct 1952 Bethlehem, m Donna GOLDBERG.
- iii. Jill Ellen YOUNGKEN, b 14 Apr 1955, m David STECH.

(To be continued in the next issue. Various source materials were used to compile this family history. My thanks to Edna Youngkin Swartz, Lorena Youngken, and Philip Youngken for their assistance with this article.)

Welcome New Members

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BILES, Sandra G. — 9434 Briar Forest Dr., Houston, TX 77063-1003 - (713) 266-2142; [Sandra Gayle⁷ (Stewart) Biles, Edith Blanche (Warrick)⁶ Stewart, Nehemiah "Neum"⁵ Warrick, Sarah Ann (Youngkin)⁴ Warrick, Charles³ Youngkin, Henry² Youngkin Jr, Henrich¹ Junghen]

FRANKE, Beulah Emily (Tannehill) — P. O. Box 26, Herndon, KS 67739-0026; [Beulah E.⁷ (Tannehill) Franke, Annie Lavila⁶ (Elias) Tannehill, Emma⁵ (Younkin) Elias, Moses⁴ Younkin, Henry F.³ Younkin, Frederick G.² Younkin, Henrich¹ Junghen]

YOUNKIN, Mary — 9130 West Aaron Dr, State College, PA 16803; [Mary⁷ Younkin, Herman Sanford⁷ Younkin Jr., Herman Sanford⁶ Younkin, Irvin⁵ Younkin, Rev. Harman⁴ Younkin, John J.³ "Yankee John"³ Younkin, Jacob² Younkin, Henrich¹ Junghen]

LEWIS, Lucille (Younkin) — Rt. 2, Box 17, Herrin, IL 62948-9603; [Lucille⁷ (Younkin) Lewis, Terry Lloyd⁶ Younkin Jr., Terry Lloyd⁵ Younkin, John Harrison⁴ Younkin, John J.³ "Yankee John"³ Younkin, Jacob² Younkin, Henrich¹ Junghen]

DORSEY, Martha — RD #1 Box 255C, Masontown, PA 15461; [Martha Ruth (Blair) Dorsey, Alfred Blair, Frank Blair, Robert Blair, Ellen Younkin(s) married #1 Andrew Blair, m #2 Nedley, ?]

RUSSELL, Carol (Young-Kin) — 1807 Marvy Ave, Tampa, FL 33612-6023 - (813) 971-4883; [Carol⁷ (Young-Kin) Russell, George Oliver⁷ Young-Kin, George Josiah⁶ Youngkin, Harry Elmer⁵ Youngkin, John Clinton⁴ Youngkin, Charles³ Youngkin, Henry² Youngkin Jr., Henrich¹ Junghen]

YOUNKIN, Linda Mae — 811 East Broadway St, Rockwood, PA 15557 - (814) 926-2425; [Linda Mae⁷ Younkin, James Derwood⁷ Younkin, Harvey Carl⁶ Younkin (husband of Georgianna Moon), William Lincoln⁶ Younkin, Frederick J.⁴ Younkin, Jacob³ Younkin, Jacob² Younkin, Henrich¹ Junghen - ALSO- Georgianna⁶ Moon (wife of Harvey Carl Younkin), Younkin, Harriet V.³ (Younkin) Moon, Jacob⁴ Younkin, Jacob⁵ Younkin, Jacob⁶ Younkin, Henrich¹ Junghen]

COOPER, Rev. Austin & Virginia (Younkins) — 1421 Tancy Ave. #203, Frederick, MD 21702 - (301) 694-4761; [Virginia⁷ (Younkins) Cooper, Orville Burris⁶ Younkins, Oliver Melvin Columbus⁵ Younkins, John⁴ Younkins, ?John³ Younkin, Rudolph² Younkin, Henrich¹ Junghen]

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Karst Younkin & Nora Revoir 'tie the knot'

By MARG MILLS

Reprinted from the *Glade Times & Mountain Mirror*
Walkersville, Maryland

Last Saturday, April 9, Nora Jessica Revoir became the bride of Karst Eugene Younkin. They were married by the Rev. Mark Foucart at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Walkersville [MD], with both sides of the family and many friends attending.

The bride chose a crushed strawberry-colored dress for the occasion, while the groom was attired in a grey blue muted pinstripe suit, set off with a burgundy-colored bow tie.

A reception was held following the ceremony, and a family dinner held later that evening at Dan-Dee Family Restaurant, celebrated the union of the couple.

The couple resides at the Sunrise Retirement Center in Frederick [990 Waterford Dr. Frederick, MD 21702].

It has been a hectic three weeks for the newly married couple, who met just 15 months ago at Sunrise.

"We sat across from each other three meals a day for almost a year," says a beaming Mrs. Younkin. "I don't know as he ever really asked me to marry him," continues the new bride in a beautiful British accent. "It just happened."

"I started dating her about six months ago," said the new groom. "We had been here almost a whole year — it just seemed natural. Several weeks ago we went to lunch with my granddaughter (Donna Younkin Logan). I asked her then, what would you think if we got married? That was on March 20. On March 22 we told other members of the family, and here we are," he said.

For the wedding, Mr. Younkin purchased the first suit he'd bought in 25 years. "I was a railroader for 30 years. I lived in Arizona and out there it's so hot no one wears a suit. I just never really needed a new one until now," he explained.

The new bride also went on a shopping expedition for her wedding dress. Her daughter, Rosemary Revoir, flew in from her home in Paris, while her sister, Maria Jago came from London. Her son and his wife Sue and Clifford Revoir, who live near Hyattstown [MD] also have been on hand for preparations and planning.

The long, strawberry-colored dress was eventually found after several different trips to several different towns," said Mrs. Jago. "She tried on a lot of dresses."

The day the couple went for their marriage license turned into a real family affair.

Besides the bride and groom, both sides of the family, including several grandchildren, went along to the Frederick County Court House. In all, two cars filled with people went with the couple to apply for the license.

"Everyone there was so nice to us," said Mrs. Younkin.

"And, many people just stood around to watch," said the groom's granddaughter. "People would finish what they had come to do and they would stay around to watch. Others came out of offices.

"The lady typing out the license had a hard time trying to

stay serious, too. When she asked Nora if she had ever been married before, Nora answered: 'Of course I've been married. I have a daughter and son to prove it,'" explained Mrs. Logan.

When the license application had been completed it was time to pay. Mr. Younkin took the \$55 payment from his shirt pocket, put it down on the counter and said, "And it's worth every penny of it."

Best wishes have been received from all over the world, with family members living throughout the United States and beyond.

"When we told our friends and family in England and France they all thought it was wonderful," said the bride's sister. "I even mentioned it to a doctor friend I know in France, and he said he could only wish this could be an example for many of the people in France."

Marriage won't be new to either the bride or groom.

The new Mrs. Younkin was married for nearly 50 years before her husband passed away. Her husband was employed by the American Battle Monuments Commission, and they had two children, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Younkin was married for 61 years before he became a widower, and he has two sons, eight grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

He's a wonderful man," says the new bride. "And I married him for love, friendship and everything that goes with it."

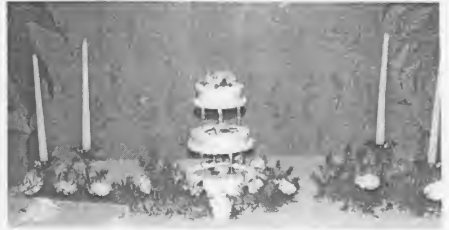
"Of course, you know, I married an older woman," smiles Mr. Younkin. "She was 88 in January, and I won't be 88 until July 6. I'm looking forward to the love and companionship that marriage brings. I guess after being married for 61 years, you just get used to it."



Karst & Nora Younkin
Married April 9, 1994

[Karst Eugene⁶ Younkin, William Eugene⁹ Younkin, Aaron Schrock⁴ Younkin, Dr. Jonas⁷ Younkin, Jacob² Younkin, Henrich¹ Junghen]

That's one way to celebrate your 90th year!



*Charles and Ann's wedding cake suitable for royalty
(and Charles you definitely qualify as Younkin Royalty!)*



Top photo, from left, Midge Peters, daughter of the bride, bride Anne E. Joseph Younkin, best man Gary East, groom Charles W. Younkin, and the minister. Lower photo, Ann prepares Charles for the traditional "cake sharing".

James Younkin & Georgina Thomas Wed in Salisbury, Pennsylvania



Mr. & Mrs. James Anthony Younkin

Charles W. Younkin and Ann E. Joseph were married April 18, 1993 near Lake Placid, Florida. The best man was Charles' good friend Gary East. And attending the bride was her daughter, Midge Peters. Charles will celebrate his 91st birthday on August 7th, 1994!

[Charles W.⁴ Younkin, William Ellsworth⁴ Younkin, John Dietz⁴ Younkin, Samuel¹ Younkin, Jacob² Younkin, Henrich¹ Junghen]

Wedding Bells Ring in Houston

Dr. Charles Robert "Bob" Younkin, M.D. and Mrs. Clair Seibert were married June 13, 1993, at St. Philip's United Methodist Church in Houston, TX.

Dr. Younkin, retired family practitioner, and Mrs. Seibert, retired administrator, met while both were working at the Hillcroft Medical Clinic Association, in Houston. They reside at: 7914 Del Rey Lane, Houston, TX 77071. Dr. Younkin celebrated his 74th birthday on May 9th!

[Charles Robert "Bob" Younkin, John Eli⁴ Younkin, Eli² Younkin, Jacob H.⁴ Younkin, John¹ Younkin, John Michael² Younkin, Henrich¹ Junghen]

Georgia Ann Thomas and James Anthony Younkin were united in marriage July 31, 1993. The double ring ceremony took place at St. John's United Church of Christ, Salisbury [PA], with the Rev. Lamar Bender officiating. Wedding music was provided by George Fisher, grandfather of the groom.

The bride is the daughter of Mary Ann and Stan Thomas of Salisbury. James Anthony Younkin is the son of Judy and Ron Shumaker, of Meyersdale, PA. and Mary and James Younkin, of Sandy Springs, MD.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Penn State University with a degree in business logistics. She is employed as a warehouse supervisor with Kellogg's Inc. in Muncy, PA. The groom is a 1992 graduate of Allegany Community College with an associate degree in computer science. He is employed as a compiler with Cable One, Williamsport, PA.

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Hello again cousins-in-law!

You know my job — I try to add a little humor to Donna's family histories, records and accounts. Sometimes it's hard to think of a topic, but this time it was easy thanks to a JOKE that arrived recently in our mail. The JOKE was a sample copy of *The Youngkin Family News*, published by ... (oh, just read the insert on this page for the details).

Let me share the JOKE with you. This "publication" was seven sheets of legal sized paper folded in half to give you 28 pages. It's a quarterly, and it's only \$12 a year. How can you go wrong? Well, just look at what you get for your money:

(7) pages of generic "articles" written on about a 4th grade level, that could be about *any* family. You get information like: what a genealogist is; what descendants and ancestors are; a relationship chart; and how to organize a family reunion. (They don't mention any *actual* Youngkin family reunions, but they are willing to let you advertise for one if you may be having one.)

(6) pages of advertisements. Yes, you can get some great stuff! Mailing stickers; joke books; cookbooks; \$35 "Books in Print" directories (use your library, instead); \$64 plates; \$34 flags; \$54 plaques; and other "heirlooms" just too wonderful to mention (so I won't).

(3) pages are needed for the front page, back page, and the "coming in the next issue" page. Well, that's more than half the issue. But now comes the *personalized* Youngkin stuff.

The lead article is (4) pages of "The Oldest Youngkin in the World?" (*Please* note their "?" — they admit that they use a database for their information, and ... "Our records are not complete.") It takes them (4) pages to list 20 Youngkins from the "database," in very *large* print. Here is what they say about the oldest (?) Youngkin (and I quote):

YOUNGKIN, ROBERT
4 - 4 - 1883 12 - 15 - 1982
99, 8.11 TX 77992

This is sad, but they do manage to get worse. In an article on "The Most Popular Youngkin First Names, using their massive database of *only* 50 names, they say that "Robert" is the most popular name (because they found 4). "John" was the second most popular (they found 3), but incredibly, the names "B" and "C" were the 19th and 24th most popular names! I'll just bet you didn't know that!

With another database, they were able to do (2) pages of a "Youngkin Family Migration Report" based on 91 birth and death records. Using the numbers they had, they were able to conclude (again, possibly) that the most popular region that 9 Youngkins emigrated from was "Other," and the most popular region that 5 immigrants went to was "Southern." They sure bring family history to life!

GENERIC FAMILY NEWSLETTERS

The Chair of the Genealogy Committee of the History Section of the Reference and Adult Services Division of the American Library Association, J. Carlyle Parker, reported to the Committee at the recent annual meeting in San Francisco on a series of family newsletters being published by The Family News Network, 250 Coolidge St., Midvale, UT 84047; or at 3129 S. Dayton Ct., Denver CO 80231; or at 1181 S. Parker Rd. #102, Denver CO; and some using mailing permits from Greenwood Village, CO; or Englewood, CO (\$7 per year, eight and a half by eleven inches, stapled on one corner). Half of the twelve pages represented in each issue are articles, the majority of which are of such a general nature that they could apply to hundreds of families. However, the family name is inserted here and there to make the articles appear as if they are relating specifically to a family. Usually the family name inserts are in a larger size and a mismatch type of font.

Anyone wishing more information on these family newsletters please contact J. Carlyle Parker Chair, Genealogy Committee of the History Section of the Reference and Adult Services Division of the American Library Association, 2115 North Denair Ave., Turlock, CA 95380.

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But that's not all! You get (2) pages of what your name sounds like (soundex surnames). Did you know that Youngkin sounds like YNZUNZA and YANKUN and YAMAGAMI??? Now, you may not be related to these people (they point out), but isn't that interesting? Youngkin can sound Japanese! (And it also can help fill 2 pages.)

But the JOKE wears thin with the obituaries page (their 1993 update), which included this:

04 - 15 - 91 B YOUNGKIN 45 (NJ)

Now, isn't that a personal touch. (At least B had one of the most popular names ...).

This is just another wonderful product made available to you through the wonders of computer data banks. Watch out for that "Information Superhighway." There appears to be a bunch of companies who are doing some serious littering along that highway.

Donna says these people probably got their information (at least what little they used) from the Master Death Index of the Federal Government's Social Security Administration. This information is available at most genealogy libraries (i.e. the Mormon Family History Centers) where they can be accessed easily from compact disks. And best of all, it's *free*!

Okay, I guess the JOKE is over now, unless you might be unfortunate to invest in this poor excuse for "Family News." Then the joke will be on you.

We'll see you next issue. Be careful out there. What did somebody once say: "There's a Youngkin (with a g) born every minute." No, that's not it. I must be thinking about the "Logans" (with a g). Take care now ...

PS— my thanks to Flora Youngkin Howell for letting us know (warning us) about this newest publication. — DYL